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SUBJ: SOVIETS EASE CHINA CRITICISM ON ALBANINA ANNIVERSARY

1. PRAVDA ARTICLE NOV. 29 COMMENORATING ALBANIAN NATIONAL DAY REFRAINS FROM BLAMING PEKING FOR ALIENTATION OF AFFECTIONS. THIS REPRESENTS SHIFT FROM TREATMENT OF PAST TWO YEARS AT LEAST, WHICH SPECIFICALLY FINGERED PEKING'S SUPPORT FOR ALBANIA'S MOVE OUT OF SOVIET ORBIT IN EARLY 1960'S. CURRENT ARTICLE OTHERWISE FOLLOWS THEMES OF PAST YEARS IN CALLING FOR RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS BASED ON PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM, EQUALITY, ETC. THERE IS AN ADDED TOUCH THIS YEAR IN PRAVDA'S DENIAL OF "RUMORS" SPREAD
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SOVIET THREAT TO ALBANIA.

2. COMMENT: SOVIET MEDIA HAVE NOT HESITATED TO CARP
AT PEKING'S ROLE IN OTHER AREAS FOR PAST SEVERAL MONTHS,
MOST RECENTLY IN NOV. 30 NEW TIMES. THEREFORE WE
DOUBT THAT THE NEW SOVIET RETICENCE ON CHINESE INVOLVE-
MENT IN ALBANIA MEANS ANY SOFTENING OF THE LINE ON
CHINA. INSTEADIT PROBABLY REFLECTS A TACTICAL
JUDGMENT THAT TIRANA IS MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO WOOING
IF ITS ALIGNMENT WITH CHINA IS DOWNPLAYED.
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